

A Clean Sweep

Team Buckley wraps up another War Week in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection next month

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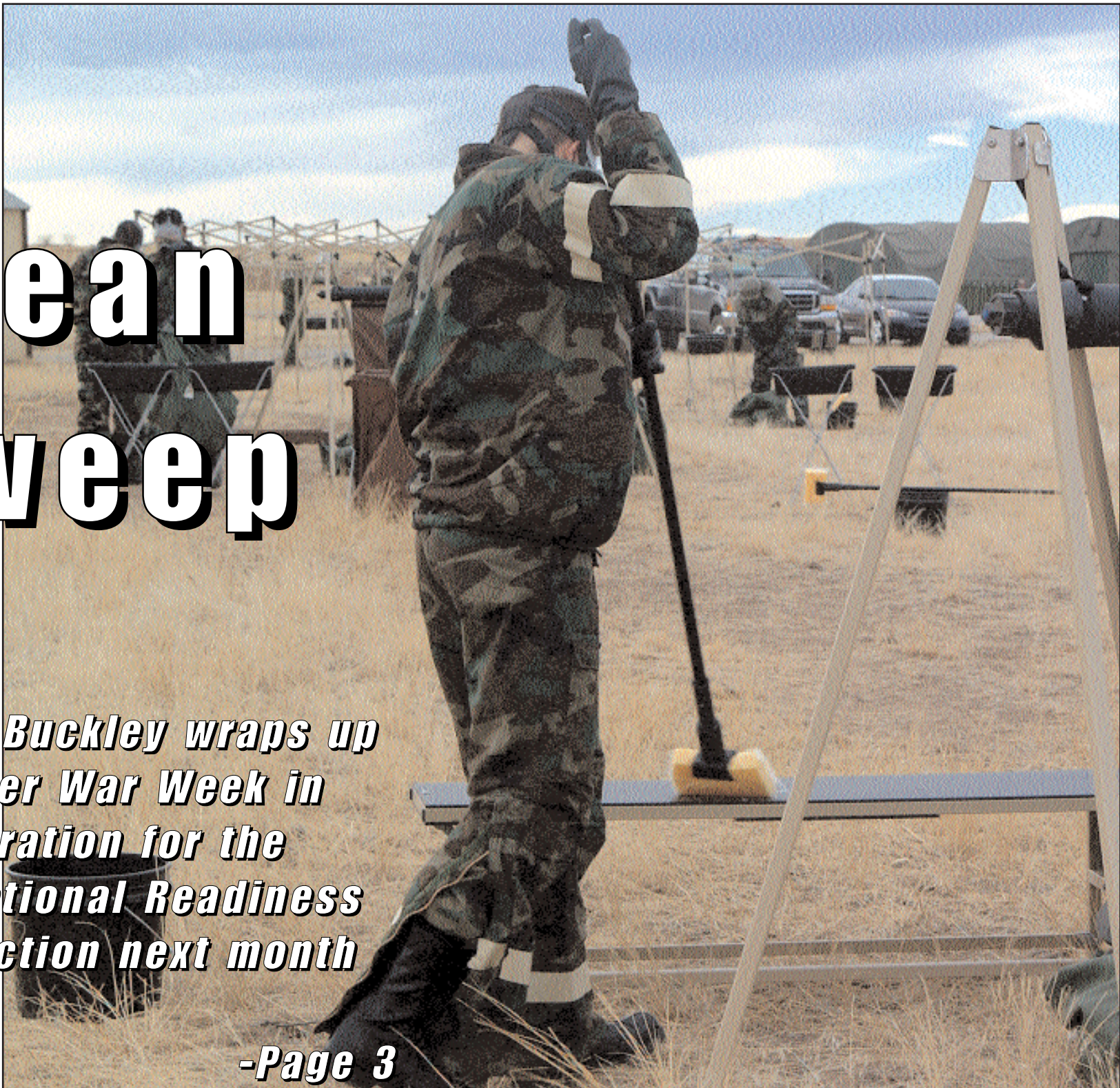


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Buckley Viewpoint

Why every NCO should be a career counselor

By Senior Master Sgt.
Bob Schwanke
460th ABW Career Assistance
Advisor

If you're one of the many who question why you should know career counseling, then you need brush up on this important duty. After all, as a front-line supervisor and leader, you must promote a "career mindset" as one of your noncommissioned officer responsibilities.

Airmen every day have to make the critical decision of "Should I stay or should I go?" Unfortunately, many do this without proper guidance and necessary information.

Over my past two years as the CAA for Team Buckley, I have seen a real improvement in this area. It's my responsibility to help supervisors, first sergeants and commanders get out the right information on the benefits of making

the Air Force a career. Ultimately though, it's the supervisor, first sergeant and commander that play the most important role in someone's career decision.

What made you stay in the Air Force? Was it a mentor? Was it personal or professional pride or was it patriotism? Whatever the reasons, it was positive or you wouldn't be here today reading this article. We are part of the most powerful Air Force in the world; an organization that stands second to none in several areas including tax-free allowances, free health care, family support programs, educational benefits, promotion opportunities and the only retirement program in America where you don't pay a penny to collect a retirement check after 20 years for the rest of your life!

Do you expose your airmen to

these and other benefits the military provides, or do you leave them to find out for themselves? It's time we, as supervisors, and as leaders stand up and enthusiastically talk to our young troops about all the positive sides (both personal and professional) of why we made the military a career. Your comments, thoughts and guidance on what led you to stay in the Air Force will not only affect the individual you're counseling, but could ultimately affect your entire workcenter.

Career counseling should be a daily, weekly or monthly activity. As a minimum, career counseling should happen twice a year during mandatory feedback sessions. AFI 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, General NCO Responsibilities, mandates you provide an "Air Force Benefits Fact Sheet" and discuss this with the individual. You can find this sheet

at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.com under "Enlisted Benefits."

Many junior personnel aren't aware of some of the military's benefits. One of the primary responsibilities of every NCO is to consider the professional development of your subordinates.

We owe it to our junior personnel to help them make an informed decision based on facts and the intangibles. If they still choose to separate, thank them for doing their country a great service and wish them luck in their future. If an individual chooses to reenlist, don't take it for granted. Take time to thank them too! They (along with their family) have just made one of the most important decisions of their life, and hopefully you played a small role in this commitment by providing them with good career counseling.



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Military, civilians and DoD employees are reminded that the base firing range, Bldg. 1115, is off-limits to unauthorized personnel. The range is operational, and trespassing is illegal and dangerous due to gunfire. The range is subject to daily use and is not open to the public. For more information, contact the 460th Security Forces Ssquadron Combat Arms section at 303-677-6317.

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Cover Story

Attacks cease as exercises end at Buckley

By Mr. John Spann
460th Public Affairs

It's over but not done.

The 460th Air Base Wing's full blown readiness exercise week is now in the history book but there is plenty of work yet to be done in preparation for Air Force Space Command's Inspector General Operational Readiness Inspection in February.

Starting Jan. 21 and ending Wednesday, the week long exercise tested the wings ability to respond to various threats to the base and numerous accident scenarios, insuring accountability of personnel, preparing to deploy military personnel and then employing them in a fictional overseas location. It also tested the wing's leadership's ability to provide command and control throughout the exercise.

"With Air Expeditionary Force 8 deployment and the ORI less than a month away, we need to be prepared to go to war," stated Col. Thomas F. Berardinelli, 460 ABW vice commander.

"The ORI team is going to test us in many ways, push us to the limit and make us think on our feet. Some of the exercise scenarios we'll be facing could be ones that we've never seen at Buckley. None the less we need to be prepared for them," he said.

Kicking off at mid-day on Jan. 21, the Battle Staff was formed in the newly constructed Wing Operations Center (WOC) and began responding to a variety of threats to the base. In addition, a warning order tasking members of the wing to deploy was received.

The order kicked off the deployment phase of the readiness week. Operations began on a 24/7 basis. Throughout the week sections and units held training classes and began going over their procedures, they also reviewed their Airman's Manuals and put the finishing touches on tent city near Lake Williams.

On Friday an explosion at the Medical Clinic tested the Disaster Control Group and other wing agencies ability to respond to a major response exercise. In the scenario four persons were killed and over a dozen were injured.

In addition to the MARE, the wings mobility machine kicked into



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett

Members of the 460th Air Base Wing strap on their gas masks as they prepare for one of many exercise mission oriented protective posture (MOPP) level changes. Personnel taking part in the exercise experienced many different exercise scenarios, including mortar, artillery and SCUD attacks along with small weapons fire from enemy troops at Al Aurora Air Base, Iraq, the simulated location where the 460 ABW became the 460th Air Expeditionary Wing. Exercises ceased early Wednesday morning.

high gear as cargo and passengers were processed through the mobility line as if the equipment and people were actually going to deploy overseas. Several hundred people and tons of cargo were processed.

The self proclaimed 'Team Green,' named in honor of going green on all processed chinks, worked hard to ensure all personnel were on time.

"With LRS readiness flight at the core of the mobility machine, the whole base came together," said Maj. Neumann, 460 LRS commander.

Sunday night, Buckley AFB became Al Aurora Air Base, Iraq as the base transitioned into a deployed location overseas. SCUD and chemical attacks on the base tested wing personnel on their abilities to survive and operate in a hos-

tile environment with their chemical equipment. Other exercises were held to test personal knowledge of self-aid and buddy care procedures and how to identify and mark unexploded ordinance.

Wednesday morning an end of exercise was called and personnel of the wing stood down and began to evaluate the results of the week-long exercise.

"The wing showed marked improvement in most functional areas. The deployment processing was accomplished on time and the first ever employment exercise proved the metal of the wing in executing wartime tasks," said Mike Hanke, 460th Air Base Wing Plans and chief exercise evaluator.

Time will be short for units and sections to make any final corrections in their procedures or to re-

emphasize any training shortcomings identified in the exercise. On Feb. 11, the AFSPC/IG will arrive at Buckley to begin 10 days of evaluation of the wing's ability to do its job.

"I'm really impressed how you really stepped up to the task. I have more confidence in what we can do and will blow away the IG. Our real task is to get people ready for the upcoming deployment in the AEF 8 deployment into the AOR and not really for the ORI," said Col. Berardinelli.

"I echo Col. Berardinelli's comments, it's been tough for everyone, including families, working through the weekend. We have a long way to go, stay focused. This is what we get paid to do. Press on with what you have to do," said Col. Allen Kirkman Jr. 460 ABW commander.

Soldiers hand reigns back, no longer guarding AF gates

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A mix of air-men, civilians, contractors and new technology will replace Army National Guard military policemen now posted at Air Force bases.

The original agreement struck between the Air Force and the Army called for using the Guardsmen at base entry points for two years, enough time to find a solution to the Air Force security forces manpower shortfall, said Brig. Gen. James M. Shames, Air Force director of security forces. But just one year into the plan the Army faced increased requirements in 2003 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their operations tempo did not decline following the end of hostilities.

“We started with about 8,000 (Army National Guard) soldiers but in the second year they will only be able to provide about 6,500 on a continuing basis,” General Shames said. “We’re going to fill that gap with volunteers from our Air Reserve Component, civilians and contractors.”

Other options being considered for longer-term solutions include converting manpower positions in overage career fields to security forces, and making other manpower changes within the security forces career field, General Shames said. Technological solutions will also be applied to situations where they are more efficient than posting a patrolman. Finally, as a stopgap measure, augmentees will continue to fill temporary shortages.

The most important security

measure, said General Shames, is making sure the entire Air Force team works together to keep Air Force installations and people safe.

“Security forces can’t do it alone, everybody has to be involved,” General Shames said. “As the Air Force Chief of Staff and others have said, ‘every airman is a sensor.’ That’s what we need to do. I see information every day where airmen, civil servants or contractors have called us to say, ‘something looks wrong here, can you check it out?’ In some cases individuals have been uncovered who we did need to check out.”

One example of this enthusiasm for team effort, General Shames said, is a former augmentee who now serves as a security forces specialist.

Senior Airman Tyrone Brunskill began his Air Force career as an information manager working in an underground facility at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. He discovered a higher sense of purpose as a security forces augmentee.

“It was very satisfying working with people,” Airman Brunskill said. “When you’re outside at your post, people always stop to tell you how much they appreciate you being on guard, protecting them. I didn’t have that same feeling in my regular job. I like being around people, talking to people, not sitting behind a desk.”

Airman Brunskill decided to be a permanent security forces team member when it came time to make a career job reservation.

“People still tell me they appreciate us and tell us how important this job is,” he said. “I have no



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett

More airmen will be seen at Air Force gates due to the agreement struck between the Air Force and Army calling for using Guardsmen for only two years. This year there will only be about 6,500 Army Guardsmen securing the gates at Air Force bases.

regrets. It’s been a very good experience so far.”

Those kinds of comments are typical of what General Shames calls a “phenomenal team.”

“What a great team we have ... different kinds of people working together: our contractors, Reserve component, active-duty, Army National Guard and augmentees,” the general said.

Besides bolstering manpower,

security forces planners will incorporate technology to reduce the burden on people and increase efficiency, General Shames said. Some examples are explosive-detection equipment, long-range detection and assessment systems, and automated identification checks at base gates.

“Instead of having a human assigned to a patrol, we’ll use

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Blotter Entries

Theft Of Government Property

Location: Bldg. 1007

A military member notified the law enforcement desk of a probable theft of government testing equipment from Bldg. 1007. Two patrols were dispatched. Security forces investigations was also dispatched. The investigation is pending.

Emergency Response

Location: Bldg. 28, Basketball Courts

The law enforcement desk was notified by the fire department that an individual sprained his ankle at the basketball courts, east of Bldg. 28. Two patrols were briefed and dispatched for assistance. The individual refused medical attention.

Shoplifting

Location: Bldg. 1, Base Exchange

The law enforcement desk was notified by base exchange security that he had detained an individual for shoplifting. Two patrols were briefed and dispatched. BX security observed the subject depart the BX with one video game console without paying for the item. BX security detained the individual outside of the BX and escorted him

into the security office where he surrendered the merchandise. The individual was detained, transported to the law enforcement desk and advised of his rights for shoplifting. The individual acknowledged his rights and chose not to make a statement or answer any questions until he spoke with a lawyer. The individual was released on his own recognizance.

Loud Noise Complaint

Location: Bldg. 28, dormitory

A dormitory resident notified the law enforcement desk that his roommate had left his radio on, locked his room and was unable to be contacted. One patrol was dispatched to retrieve the dorm master key. Security forces entered the room and turned down the music.

Alarm Activation

Location: Bldg. 940

The law enforcement desk was notified of an alarm activation at Bldg. 940. All posts and patrols briefed and dispatched. A 360-degree cordon was established and the supervisor was contacted and asked to exit the facility and make contact with security forces. A joint sweep of the facility was con-

ducted with no findings. The cause of alarm was due to work conducted on the new vault system.

Unannounced Alarm Activation

Location: Bldg. 1, Credit Union

The law enforcement desk was notified of an alarm activation at Bldg. 1, credit union. All posts and patrols were briefed and dispatched. A 360-degree cordon of the facility was established and the subject was contacted and instructed to exit the facility and make contact with security forces. A joint sweep of the facility was conducted with no findings. The cause of alarm was found to be human error.

Suspicious Vehicle

Location: Mississippi Avenue, adjacent to Bldg. 1550

The law enforcement desk was notified by the Mississippi Gate entry controller relayed that a passing motorist observed a blue colored van and about five personnel parked in the turn around area on Mississippi Avenue, adjacent to Bldg. 1550. The individuals appeared to be observing the installation. One patrol was briefed and dispatched. Aurora Police

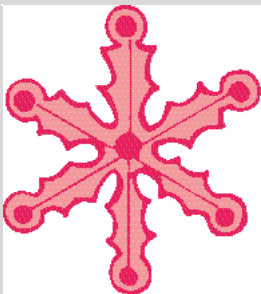


Department was contacted and responded. APD didn't observe any vehicles or personnel in the area. A further sweep along the perimeter fence line resulted in no findings.

Suspicious Persons

Location: Jewell Avenue, Overlook Park

A military member notified the law enforcement desk that two individuals were near Jewell Avenue walking along the fence line. One patrol was briefed and dispatched. A sweep of the area and fence line was conducted with no findings.



Buckley Snow Call/Straight Talk Line: 303-677-SNOW

During inclement weather, this hotline is for information such as base closures or delayed reporting.
This line is also used for updates during crisis situations.
The hotline is updated by 4:30 a.m. on inclement weather days and whenever crisis situations arise.



Top enlisted Marine visits Buckley, sees troops

By Staff Sgt. Christine Castillo
460th Public Affairs

The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visited the Naval Marine Reserve Center here Wednesday to speak at a Marine call.

In town for a housing conference, Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada assured everyone that even though the conference was important for Marines, it wasn't the only reason for his visit.

Sgt. Maj. Estrada touched on a variety of subjects he felt Marines needed an updated on including recruiting, leadership and quality of life.

"Without recruiting, we have no Marine Corps," said Sgt. Maj. Estrada.

On being a good leader, Sgt. Maj. Estrada went on to list the qualities it takes to have a sense of leadership.

"Be enthusiastic, optimistic, approachable, take initiative and strengthen others in professional military education and physical education," said the sergeant major.

The housing conference Sgt. Maj. Estrada attended was just one of the quality of life issues he brought up.

"The Corps is building new housing at every base, new child



Photo by Airman 1st Class Deanna Lenhart

Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps John L. Estrada speaks with Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Rene Simard, 460th Air Base Wing command chief at the Naval Marine Reserve Center Wednesday. The sergeant major was visiting Marines at the NMRC.

development centers and there is a pay raise debate in congress, and we're fighting for it," said Sgt. Maj. Estrada.

Closing the Marine call with questions from the audience, Sgt. Maj. Estrada answered a number of them with one additional comment.

"I don't shy away from controversy, so whatever you ask me, I'll answer," he said.

After questions were answered, Col. Allen Kirkman Jr., 460th Air Base Wing commander and Chief Master Sgt. Rene Simard, 460th Air Base Wing command chief master

sergeant greeted Sgt. Maj. Estrada, thanking him for visiting Buckley and inviting him back for another visit.

"It's phenomenal to have you all on base, said Col. Kirkman, "but tell your Marines to ask for more," said Col. Kirkman.

Department of Defense begins gathering data for BRAC 2005

Courtesy of
 460th Public Affairs

Earlier this month, the Department of Defense requested commanders of installations, in the United States, territories and possessions to begin gathering information about installations as part of the 2005 round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

Buckley Air Force Base is in the process of gathering its data.

The department will use BRAC to eliminate unnecessary infrastructure, increase military capability and effectiveness. All installations will participate in these calls.

While none of the questions or data associated with the questions will be released to the public prior to the department's recommendations being forwarded to the independent Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, which will be named by March 2005.

This data call is one of many steps in the BRAC process. There will be additional data calls as necessary.

Formal data calls are one of the ways the department satisfies its statutory obligations to treat all military installations equally and to make its closure and realignment recommenda-

tions based solely upon certified data.

In a related action, the department published Draft Selection Criteria in the Dec. 23 Federal Register for public comment. The department will use the criteria as part of its evaluation process.

Comments were due Wednesday. The department's list of base closure and realignment recommendations will be submitted to the independent BRAC Commission no later than May 16, 2005, as required by the legislation.

General information on the DoD's BRAC process is available online at www.dod.mil/brac/.

Frequently Asked BRAC Questions

Which installations will be looked at in this round?

All military installations within the United States and its territories will be examined as part of this process.

How many installations will be closed?

It's too early to say and there are no specific numbers or "targets." Using specific selection criteria that emphasize military value, DoD must complete a comprehensive review before it can determine which installations should be realigned or closed. In 2005, an independent Commission will review the Secretary of Defense's recommendations, hold public hearings, visit various sites, and ultimately send its recommendations to the President.

Why would we close U.S. installations before we close overseas installations?

Based on the Secretary's guidance, the Department is currently developing a long-term, comprehensive and integrated overseas strategy. The Department anticipates that decisions regarding the closure of overseas installations, if warranted, will be developed after a thorough review of this strategy later this year. This effort will inform the BRAC process as the statutory requirement for publishing BRAC recommendations in May 2005 will accommodate decisions regarding overseas basing generated by the effort that is now underway.

Buckley Happenings

Military Personnel Flight

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) customer service desk will be the home of the new Personnel/Finance customer service desk. This merger will allow all personnel to be serviced at one location rather than two separate offices.

The MPF customer service counter in Bldg. 606 is currently closed while construction takes place.

The estimated date the MPF will reopen is Feb.1.

Until the reopening of the MPF service desk, there are alternate locations for people to get their ID cards.

- ♦Navy Personnel Center, Bldg. 1301 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ♦Army Personnel Center, Fitzsimmons Bldg. 262, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

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Military Equal Opportunity

The 460th Air Base Wing Military Equal Opportunity office is giving away free badge holders and lanyards to anyone wanting one. Just visit their office in Bldg. 606, Room 185 and pick up yours.

Units wishing to also have a supply on hand for their personnel may contact 2nd Lt. Shane Skaggs at 303-677-6140.

Family Support Center

TAP Seminar

There will be a Transition Assistance Program (TAP) seminar Feb. 3-6 in the Bldg. 606 auditorium at Buckley from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Resume writing, interviewing, veteran and health benefits and other topics will be covered.

TAP is for transitioning military personnel and their spouses from active duty.

For more information or to register, visit the Buckley IDS web page at www.php-ids.com

Interviewing Skills Workshop

An interview workshop is scheduled on Feb. 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 606, Room 113 if there is

enough interest. The workshop is open to military personnel, their spouses and federal employees. It will cover how to interview in a professional manner and appropriate replies of common interview questions. You may register at the Buckley IDS web page at www.php-ids.com.

For more information or to register, call 303-677-6694.

Dept. of Labor Career Services

Every Thursday afternoon, a Department of Labor Veteran Job Service representative will be assisting veterans and transitioning military personnel with job search and resume review at the family support center from 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 303-677-6694.

Services Division

Liberty Passes

Vail Resorts are now offering liberty passes for

adults and children. These passes are an exclusive military offer for Keystone only unlimited, unrestricted passes for the rest of the season. The adult pass is \$99 and the children's pass is \$69. Military personnel and family members who purchase this pass will need to take the voucher from the information, tickets and tours office to the River Run Pass office (Keystone) with their military identification cards to redeem for a picture pass. For more information call Carolyn Gaddis at 303-677-6936 or 303-677-6853.

Blood Drive

Bonfils Blood Center is scheduled to host a blood drive Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bldg. 706 dining facility. Donating whole blood takes less than an hour and donors can give blood six times per year. One donation can save up to three lives. For more information or to set up an appointment, call 720-363-0151.

High Frontier Dining Facility Menu (Jan. 30 - Feb. 5)

Dining hours

Breakfast: 5:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.; Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Dinner: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Midnight Meal: 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
LUNCH	Egg drop soup Pot roast Baked stuffed fish Roast loin of pork Oven brown potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower combo Succotash Green beans with mushrooms	Creole soup Teriyaki chicken Veal parmesan Salmon cakes Filipino rice Parsley butter potatoes Mushroom gravy Fried cabbage Succotash Mixed vegetables	Cream of potato BBQ ham steak Turkey and noodles Beef ball stroganoff Boiled egg noodles Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Calico corn Spinach Lima beans	Tomato bouillon Herbed baked chicken Stuffed cabbage Southern fried catfish Mashed potatoes Black-eyed peas with rice Peas Sweet potatoes Chicken/turkey gravy Sweet potatoes Mixed vegetables	Italian garden soup Mexican baked chicken Swiss steak w/ tomato sauce Stuffed green pepper Baked macaroni and cheese Steamed rice Vegetable gravy Corn on the cob Spanish style beans Peas and carrots	Pepper pot soup Crispy baked chicken Cajun meatloaf Rib-eye steak Baked potatoes Mashed potatoes Brown gravy Broccoli French style peas Glazed carrots	Chicken rice soup Roast turkey Baked ham Rib roast Au gratin potatoes Steamed rice Cream gravy Cauliflower combo Peas Fried cabbage Chicken/turkey gravy Shrimp cocktail
DINNER	Egg drop soup Chili macaroni Cannelloni beef Southern fried chicken Cottage fried potatoes Mashed potatoes Chicken/turkey gravy Steamed squash Glazed carrots French style peas Short Order: Grilled Polish sausage Steak and cheese sub	Creole soup Country captain chicken Meatloaf Turkey a la King Steamed rice Mashed potatoes Mushroom gravy Harvard baked beans Mustard greens Okra/tomato gumbo Short Order: Sloppy BBQ beef Roast beef sub	Cream of potato soup Lemon herb chicken BBQ spareribs Stuffed pork chops Scalloped potatoes Steamed rice Brown gravy Cauliflower combo Mexican rice Tempura vegetables Short Order: Cheese fishwich Monte Cristo sandwich	Tomato bouillon Roast loin of pork Jaeger w/mushroom sauce Cornish hen Potato halves Orange rice Chicken/turkey gravy Simmered pinto beans Corn combo Short Order: Cannonball sandwich Italian pepper beef sandwich	Italian garden soup Lasagna Spaghetti w/meat sauce Sweet Italian sausage Mashed potatoes Vegetable gravy Broccoli polonaise Cauliflower Italian style baked beans Short Order: BBQ pork sandwich Burritos	Pepper pot soup Fish Almondine Stir fry chicken with broccoli Pork chops w/ mushroom gravy Rissole potatoes Rice pilaf Brown gravy Fried okra Short Order: Buffalo wings Hot Italian sausage sandwich	Cream of broccoli soup Ginger BBQ chicken Fried shrimp Seafood cocktail Spinach lasagna Orange rice Mashed potatoes Cream gravy Black-eyed peas Corn O'Brien Short Order: Cheese pizza Reuben sandwich

Junior Soldiers get 'cool' options for promotion points

By Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Army Junior Soldiers in a handful of job specialties have another option to gain promotion points.

As of Jan. 11, skill-based licenses and certifications from civilian sources are worth 10 points. There are 10 career fields that are currently participating in the initiative: Adjutant General, Air Defense Artillery, Aviation, Engineer, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, Transportation, Army Medical Department and Public Affairs.

Promotable specialists and sergeants can add up to 50 points in technical certificates, but the points will only remain valid as long as the certificate is valid, said Sgt. Maj. Louisa Scott, the chief of Enlisted Promotions at U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

"The certificates can be added as a promotion action only when a Soldier has at least 20 points to add. Then the expiration date on the certificate will be recorded. So

if a Soldier needs to re-certify for his license to remain valid, and he fails to do so, then the points will be deleted," Scott said.

"This is a work in progress," said Jeffrey Colimon, the senior military analyst for the Training and Doctrine Command's Personnel Proponency Directorate.

The initiative is new and will undergo a number of changes, Colimon said, however Soldiers can stay abreast of what military occupational specialties have jumped on board by visiting the Web site for Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line at www.cool.army.mil.

The different proponents have the latitude of analyzing the credentialing concept and determining if it adds value to their branch, Colimon said. We are working with the combat arms proponents to match their skills with related civilian certifications, which will benefit both the Soldier and the Army, he added.

The promotion point incentive is the Army's way of encouraging

Soldiers who are not interested in college but still want to pursue professional development, according to officials in the Promotions Branch at the Human Resources Command.

"Far too many Soldiers go out and purchase civilian education mainly for promotion points with no degree intent at all," said Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas, the chief of Junior Enlisted Promotions at HRC. "The certification incentive will give them the opportunity to use training in a progressive nature."

If soldiers get hands-on training in their specific field, it can improve their job performance and make them more marketable in the civilian market, Scott said.

"By offering promotion points, the Army is encouraging soldiers to pursue professional development," Scott added.

Officials in the Ordnance Corps introduced using credentialing opportunities as a promotional tool. Sgt. Maj. James Herrell, chief enlisted career manager in the Ordnance Corps' Personnel

Proponency Office, said that developing a more competent Soldier was the driving force of the initiative.

"We want a competent, enlisted force and self development is key," Herrell said. "For a Soldier to earn industry credentials, he must study on his own time, get his own resources and demonstrate a level of competency that his peers have not.

"We're not trying to create a more marketable Soldier. That is the last of our concerns. We were looking at ways to encourage our Soldiers to do self study."

Herrell did note however, that one of the benefits to receiving civilian certification is gaining experience that will benefit the Soldier in the civilian work force.

The COOL Web site serves as the home station to get information on the credentialing for points initiative. Credentials that are valid can be found on the site by clicking on the links that read Technical Certification and Promotion Points Fact sheet or Technical

150,000 disabled retirees soon to see increase in pay

ARLINGTON, Va. -- An estimated 150,000 military retirees will see an increase in their pay Feb. 2. The National Defense Authorization Act, enacted in November, significantly modified a long-standing law preventing retirees from receiving full retired pay if they also received disability pay from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The new law allows concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability pay for retirees with more than 20 years of service and a disability rating of 50 percent or more. This restored pay will be

phased in over a 10-year period that began Jan. 1.

Retirees are not required to take any action to receive the additional pay. Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials have already identified eligible retirees and began making adjustments to their military retired pay.

The first payments are due Feb. 2 for the law change that was effective Jan. 1. The additional funds also will be paid Feb. 2 based on entitlement for Jan. 1 to 31. The restored pay is paid on the same schedule as current military retired

pay. Recurring payments will be made on the first business day of each month based on entitlement for the month before.

For the majority of military retirees, the additional money is taxable income and subject to federal tax withholding.

One category of military retirees who are eligible for additional funds but will not be paid Feb. 2, are those who receive retired pay based on a disability percentage instead of years of service. Further guidance is needed from the Department of Defense to deter-

mine how the law will be applied in these cases. Once guidance is received, payments will be made retroactive to Jan. 1. An estimated 2,800 military retirees fall into this category.

For more details regarding who is eligible for the restored pay and how payments will be made, visit www.dfas.mil and see the topics under "Retired and Annuitant Pay," or visit the myPay Web site at mypay.dfas.mil.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)

Inspector General Complaints -- What’s in it for you?

By Senior Master Sgt. Grace Eastham
460 ABW Deputy Inspector General

The Inspector General Complaints and Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA) Programs allows members to be stakeholders in upholding standards and fixing problems. The command is interested in things running the right way and people being satisfied; because when people are happy with the work environment, with structure, and with fair and equitable treatment, they know what to expect and are better able to perform their duties.

The Inspector General Complaints Program can help the command focus on issues or problem areas and correct underlying problems, procedural weaknesses and ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently.

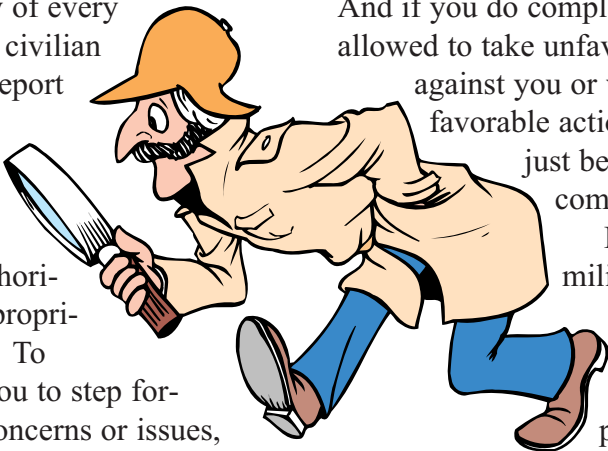
Individuals are highly encouraged to attempt to resolve FWA

issues and personal complaints at the lowest possible level, using command channels before elevating them to the next higher level or to the IG.

However, you can come and see us anytime, without approval from anyone, and discuss any issue that you wish. We find in many cases that we are able to correct what may simply be a misunderstanding or misperception. In some cases, a detailed investigation may be required to look into areas where there are possible violations of standards. And where an allegation is substantiated, we ensure that the facts are addressed to the appropriate authority for their consideration and action. And finally, the complaints program is an avenue to resolve problems when there doesn’t appear to be any apparent grievance channel available. So when you are not confident that you can go to the next level or another avenue to have an issue reconsidered or appealed, come see us.

It is the duty of every military and civilian member to report FWA and mismanagement violations, abuse of authority, and inappropriate conduct. To encourage you to step forward with concerns or issues, you also have certain rights. First, no one can restrict your access to the IG or any channel to express a grievance or to pursue an appeal. Complaints can be anonymous and by third parties, in writing or by phone.

Furthermore, you cannot be reprimed against for making a complaint. It is unlawful for anyone to take reprisal action against you for making or preparing to make a lawful disclosure to an inspector general, member of an audit, inspection, investigation or law enforcement agency, or member of Congress.



And if you do complain, no one is allowed to take unfavorable action against you or withhold favorable action from you, just because you complained.

In addition to military or civilian members who may file an IG complaint, civilians with no military affiliation may file FWA disclosures. And depending on the circumstances, the IG may also accept complaints from family members or relatives of active duty members and retirees and their family members. However, it’s always best for the actual “victim” or person who witnessed the alleged wrongdoing to file the complaint.

For further information or assistance, contact the 460th Air Base Wing Inspector General at 303-677-9175.

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systems where we can see areas farther out than a person can, run the information back to a central location and respond as needed,” General Shames said. “We’ll also use automated

identification credentialing systems that will check people coming on base faster than an individual stopping a car and looking at an (identification card). It will compare the ID to an electronic database ... in a mat-

ter of a second or two and let the person or car proceed. If the credential doesn’t check out, a barrier drops. If that person goes through the barrier, there will be another one. It’s a layered approach to boost

our defenses.”
Whatever form these measures ultimately take, people should expect a credible check that allows the right people into the appropriate areas, General Shames said. “We want to

complicate things for our adversary so that he abandons his target, or we catch him in the act, or interrupt the act in progress,” he said.

Being in a hurry can cost you big bucks

By Ms. Janet Russell
Buckley Tax Program Manager

No, we're not talking about speeding tickets – we're talking about those 'rapid refunds' you see advertised on TV and in local newspapers, the ones that offer not only free electronic filing, but guarantee that your refund will be in your hands in three to four days, or even that you can walk out the door with a check.

The fact of the matter is that it's not your refund you'll have in your hands – it's a high interest loan. And that electronic filing isn't "free" either – you'll pay for it with fees and additional costs added to the cost of that loan you can't wait to get. Typical prices for that quick refund include \$94 for Federal and state tax return preparation, \$20 for electronic filing, and up to \$90 for the refund loan. Did you know that the interest rate on that loan can be

as high as 700 percent? Do you really want to lose \$200 or more of your refund to fees and interest?

Filling out tax returns can be confusing and very stressful – it's very tempting to let an expert do it for you, and it's even more tempting to think of having that money right away.

Tax forms can be electronically filed for free by your Unit Tax Advisor. For more information, call 303-677-6273 or call Janet Russel in the legal office at 303-677-6444.

There's a better way than taking your tax return to a commercial firm or even worse to a car dealer or loan company.

Free return preparation and electronic filing for military members and their families will be available at Buckley, the Air Reserve Personnel Center and the Defense Finance Accounting Service. We'll begin preparing and filing tax returns Feb. 1, shortly after you get your W-2 in the mail or on myPay.



By the time you get your W-2, we should have trained unit tax advisors in place in each organization. Your unit tax advisor can take care of all those complicated calculations for Earned Income Credit and Child Tax Credit for you and file your Federal tax returns electronically so that you can have your refund as quickly as possible without having to give up a penny of it!

These volunteers are your co-workers, your fellow airmen, marines, soldiers and sailors and they're here to help you. Don't fall for those ads you'll see guaranteeing your refund in three days. With direct deposit, you can have all your money in less than thirty days – usually, within two weeks. A little patience can really pay off for you.

TRICARE Standard allows care for military dependants

WASHINGTON — People covered by the TRICARE Standard military health care plan no longer need approval from their military treatment facility to seek inpatient care at civilian hospitals.

The need to get a nonavailability statement before seeking civilian inpatient care expired Dec. 28 under a provision of the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. A nonavailability statement indicates that care is not available from the military facility and authorizes care at a civilian facility.

An exception in the law continues the requirement for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries to get a nonavailability statement before seeking nonemergency inpatient mental health care services. However, officials said, this applies only to beneficiaries who use TRICARE Standard or Extra, who are not Medicare eligible, and who have no other health insurance that is pri-

mary to TRICARE. Department of Defense officials do not require preauthorization for TRICARE beneficiary inpatient mental health care when Medicare is the primary payer.

“With this change in policy, beneficiaries now have the freedom to choose a military treatment facility or a civilian facility, without any extra paperwork,” said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. “However, I urge TRICARE beneficiaries to still look to the military health system as their first choice for health care because I believe the services we offer are second to none.”

A military treatment facility may request a departmental waiver of the new policy in certain specific, but limited, circumstances. But those requests do not apply to maternity services, unless the affected beneficiary began her first

prenatal visit before Dec. 28, officials said.

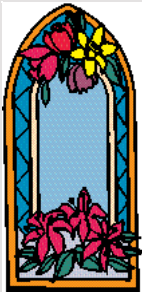
Any military treatment facility granted a waiver must publish a notice in the Federal Register that a nonavailability statement is required for a certain procedure. Officials at the treatment facility, the services and the TRICARE Management Activity will notify the affected beneficiaries if this occurs, officials said. Maternity patients should check with their local military treatment facility to compare maternity services there with those available in civilian facilities, said Military Health System officials.

A recently implemented “Family-Centered Care” program offers enhanced services and recognizes the unique needs of military families in today’s climate of increasing deployments and high operations tempo, officials said. Beneficiaries can review the

enhanced military treatment facility maternity services online and with their military medical care provider.

Beneficiaries can check the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil if they are seeking an inpatient service and want to know if their nearby military treatment facility applied for a nonavailability statement waiver. They also may contact the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator or health benefits adviser at their nearest treatment facility, officials said.

Before seeking care at a civilian facility, military health system officials urge beneficiaries to check with their nearby military treatment facility to compare services and ask questions. Even if the facility could not provide the needed services in the past, the facility’s staffing levels or capabilities may have changed, and they might now be available, officials said. *(Compiled from a TRICARE news release)*



**Worship
Services and
Religious
Education**

Protestant

Sunday: Bible study,
9.a.m.; Contemporary
worship service, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Aerospace

Buckley Chapel Schedule

Data Facility Bible study,
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.,
ADF conference room C.
Wednesday: Singles
dorm fellowship:
5 p.m., dormitory lobby.

Catholic

Saturday: Confession,
2:30 p.m.; Mass, 3 p.m.

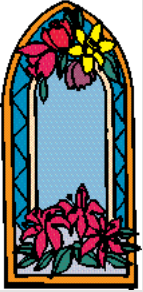
Other Faith Groups

Please contact the
base chapel at 303-677-
6411 for information on
local and regional faith
groups.

Special events

Fellowship luncheon:
Second Wednesday of

each month,
from 12 to
12:45 p.m for
food, fellowship
and a brief
devotion in Mod. 1.
*(The February fellowship
luncheon is cancelled
due to the Operational
Readiness Inspection.)*





Buy one, get three free for SnoFest participants

By **Cliff Carroll**
460th Services Division

The Outdoor Recreation in the community activity center is offering an exceptional deal on all skis and snowboarding rental equipment for SnoFest participants.

Pick up your equipment on Thursday; return it on Monday and you'll only pay for one day's rental. Essentially, it's a "buy one, get three free" bargain.

Stop in at outdoor recreation by Friday, and get fitted for your equipment if you haven't already done so. Outdoor Recreation keeps your information on file.

"If you are already fitted, you can call and reserve your equipment three days ahead of your pickup date," said Mr. Cliff Carroll, Outdoor Recreation director. "Then on the day you're ready to leave, stop by Outdoor Rec. and we'll have everything all ready for you it's hassle-free."

Rental prices are \$12 for a basic ski package that includes skis, poles and boots. A basic snowboarding package includes a board and boots for just \$18. Helmets are \$4.

For more information or to reserve your equipment please call 303-677-6101.



Courtesy photo

Teens enjoying themselves while ice skating at SnoFest!!!

Chow down!



Photo by Bethanie Healey

Services would like to extend a very special thank you to Albertson's and the Denver Nuggets for sponsoring the Holiday Social. *No Federal Endorsement of Sponsors Intended.*

Helpful Hints from Fit for Life: Carbohydrates Necessary Fuel for Exercises

If you run regularly, you'll want to make sure you're eating enough carbohydrates to promote good running performance. Here's the general rule of thumb: If you run between 15 and 20 miles per week, you should eat at least 350 grams of carbohydrates daily. If you run more than 20 miles each week, you'll want to make sure you get between 400 and 600 grams daily.

It's important to eat carbohydrates both before and after you run. If you'll be running for a long time (60 minutes or longer), you can also take in some additional carbohydrates such as a sports drink during the run. Remember that complex carbohydrates (e.g., grains and whole-wheat products) will fuel your workout better than simple carbohydrates (white breads, candies).

SnoFest!!!

14th Annual Military Snow Sports Weekend
Jan. 30 - Feb. 1
Keystone Resort
For more information, call 303-677-6853

Join the ski, snowboard, Cardboard Derby races for glory

By Mr. Brian Cook
460th Services Division

It's not too late to get in on the fun. Race for the honor of your squadron and Buckley, as well as individual glory. In the Commander's Cup team and individual races during the 14th annual SnoFest!!! weekend at Keystone from Jan 30 to Feb.1.

"This will be an excellent opportunity to test your skill and have fun," said Mr. Cliff Carroll, outdoor recreation director. "It doesn't matter if you're an expert or just learning, you're going to have a lot of excitement."

Sign up by Jan. 31 and pick up your registration information at outdoor recreation.

The Commander's Cup and Broken Tip ski and snowboard racing competitions will be held today on the NASTAR (National Standard Race) course.

Saturday, skiers, snowboarders and combined teams can challenge themselves on the NASTAR slalom course.

NASTAR racing on both days is free for all SnoFest participants who have purchased a lift ticket.

On race day, you'll check-in at the Silverthorne Room at Keystone's Mountain House from 8 to 9 a.m. Racing begins at 10 a.m.

Commander's Cup teams consist of racers from the same squadron, unit or organization. Every team must have at least one snowboarder and only five teams can be registered from each military installation.

Teams without a snowboarder will receive a 15-second penalty. Each racer will complete two runs, with the fastest time of the two runs counting toward individual and team scores.



Courtesy Photo

The slopes at Snofest!!! A great experience and an opportunity of a life time.

The Broken Tip consists of an installation or major command commander, three hand-picked team members and one snowboarder.

Only one team will be registered from each installation or MAJCOM.

The individual ski and snowboard competitions include four categories: cadets, teens, youth and adult open racing.

The racing competition is open to all eligible services customers: active duty, retired mil-

itary, reserve and National Guard, Department of Defense civilian employees, cadets and prep school students and the immediate family of these groups.

NASTAR racing awards ceremonies will be held each day at 3 p.m. at the SnoFest hospitality tent near the mountain house.

Stop by outdoor recreation to get your registration forms or call 303-677-6101 for more information.

Have a screaming good time at Snofest’s Cardboard Derby

By Ms. Bethanie Healey
460th Services Division

Come be part of the Cardboard Derby experience; it will more fun than you ever expected. It's also the right time to start planning your Cardboard Derby entry. If you're unfamiliar with the derby, there are a few things you need to know.

If you enter it's probably the most fun you'll have all year. And while you can get incredibly creative you don't have to construct an engineering marvel to have a blast.

The derby itself starts at 4 p.m. Saturday, on the Discovery Slope just west of the Mountain House, Ski School and Children's Center.

In the year's past, some of the more elaborate racers included an SR-71 Blackbird, an aircraft carrier, a tank, the Cadet Chapel, and a set of huge teeth with room for riders in the mouth area. While some were very efficient and won prizes, others relied more on style over substance.

In fact, if efficiency is the yardstick by which success is measured, there seems to be little correlation between the creativity of the entry and its speed and accuracy. One of the prize winners was two guys lying on a piece of cardboard.

If you prefer, come a couple of hours early and build your racer on-site at the base of the Discovery Slope - there will be plenty of free materials available starting at 1 p.m. If you build an entry and bring it to the derby hill, it must be constructed only of cardboard, tape, paper, paint and/or rope.

Register for the derby from 1 to 3 p.m. in the SnoFest!!! Hospitality area in the Mountain



Courtesy Photo

Last year’s Cardboard Derby participants enjoy the ride on their homemade racer

House Silverthorne Room.

Prizes are awarded for the most creative, best engineered, best in show and closest to target in several categories, including families, youth, cadet, squadron and individual.

Trophies will be awarded on the slope immediately following the conclusion of the races.

For more information about the Cardboard Derby or SnoFest please call 303-677-6936.

A Delectable dessert for a special someone

By Ms. Bethanie Healey
460th Services Divison

Valentines Day Chocolate Mousse with candies

Ingredients

- 18 ounces Semisweet Chocolate
- Two cups heavy cream; well chilled
- Six Eggs
- Two tablespoons confectioner's sugar
- Two tablespoons Crème de Cacao
- One tablespoon vanilla extract
- One can of Rendi-Whip
- Candies M&M's, Red Hots or Reeses Pieces
- Marachino Cherries

Directions

Melt the Chocolate in a double boiler. Let it cool until warm.

While the chocolate cools, whip the cream, do not over beat or the mousse will lose some

of its smooth, light texture.

Separate four of the eggs and set the whites aside. Combine yolks with the two remaining whole eggs in the bowl with an electric mixer. Beat until eggs are thick and lemon colored, approximately five minutes.

Place the four egg whites in a bowl and wisk until they stiffen. Sprinkle on the confec-tioners' sugar and beat.

Working quickly, add the cooled melted chocolate and a scoop of the whipped cream to the egg yolks. Stir until smooth and then add the remaining cream.

Add the liqueur and vanilla and then fold in the whites until just blended.

Pour mousse into small individual serving dishes.

Chill at least 4 hours or overnight (this intensifies the flavor).

Put the Rendi-Whip on top of the mouse.

Sprinkle candy on top of the mousse then top it off with a marachino cherry.



Keeping You Posted...

Child Development Center - Bldg. 725
Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Drop-in Care

The Child Development Center (CDC) has daily openings for drop-in care on a space available basis. Parents can call the CDC by 8 a.m. each morning to request same-day care. Use from one to nine hours of care to go to appointments, attend meetings, run errands or simply step out for a day of fun. For more information, please call Aurora at 303-677-6175.

Outdoor Recreation - Bldg. T-12 (Mod. 2)
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: Closed

Snowmobiling in Winter Park

Join the Outdoor Recreation team on a guided snowmobile tour to Winter Park on Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. For more information, please contact Cliff Carroll at 303-677-6101

Ski Rental Program

Ready for some action on the slopes? Buckley’s Outdoor Recreation has what you need to hit the slopes hard this winter. Stop by and see our stock of ski and snowboards for all ages and sizes. Skis are \$12 per day and snowboards are \$18 per day. For more information please contact Outdoor Recreation.

Trip Opportunities

The outdoor recreation staff offers custom-made trip packages for groups. If you have a group interested in visiting the mountains, a local attraction, or any other activity, let outdoor recreation help with the transportation - Call today!

Volunteer Opportunities

Outdoor Recreation is looking for volunteers to help with several programs. This gives individuals the chance to participate in their favorite activities while sharing their knowledge and experience with others. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, let us know!

For more information on outdoor recreational activities and equipment rentals, please call 303-677-9609 or 303-677-6101.

Fitness Center - Bldg. 30
Monday - Friday: 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday and Holidays: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

For more information on any activities or programs, please call the

fitness center at 303-677-6144 or 303-677-6679.

ITT - Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2)
Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays: Closed

Liberty Passes

Vail Resorts now offers Liberty Passes, for adults and children. These passes are an exclusive military offer for Keystone only; the passes are unlimited and unrestricted for the rest of the season. The adult pass is \$99 and the child pass is \$69 (ages 5-12). Military personnel and family members who purchase these passes will need to take the voucher from the ITT office to the River Run Pass office (Keystone) with their military ID and redeem for a picture pass. For more information, please contact Ms. Carolyn Gaddis in the ITT office at 303-677-6853.

Community Activities Center - Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2)
Monday - Friday 8a.m. - 5p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays: Closed

For more information on any activities or programs, please call the community activity center at 303-677-6936 or 303-677-6853.

Human Resources - Bldg. T-12 (Mod 2)
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays - Closed

The Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) Human Resource Office (HRO) is located in Bldg. T-12 (Mod. 2) and is currently taking applications for NAF position vacancies. The NAF HRO maintains these applications in an Applicant Supply File (ASF) for 90 days. Applications will be accepted for vacant and non-vacant positions. To hear the latest job listings, please call the Job Line at 303-677-6278. For more information, please contact NAF HRO at 303-677-6775.

Heart Link

Spouses are invited to an exciting, fun-filled day of touring the base with an opportunity to be personally briefed by key base organizations. Register online at www.php-ids.com or call 303-677-6726.

ICE- Interactive Customer Evaluation

Let the 460th Services know what you think. Log onto ice.disa.mil, click on “Air Force CONUS,” Click on “Buckley AFB.” This gives our patrons the perfect avenue to ask questions and offer suggestions on how we can best meet your needs. Take a moment to assure you voice is heard.

The Most Popular Valentines Gift

Rose, as the queen of flowers, symbolizes peace and war, love and forgiveness. Valentine's Day is a time to send flowers and gifts to your loved ones but beware! Some of these beautiful messengers may transmit wrong messages. Take the most common flowers, roses for instance. There are formal meanings of different colored roses in some cultures. Each of these meanings is still used in society today, so choose your color with care.

- White roses are for true love and purity of the mind.
- Red roses are for love and passion.
- Yellow roses are for friendship.
- Black roses mean farewell.
- Pink Roses mean friendship or sweetheart.



CMSAF—Enlisted trailblazers

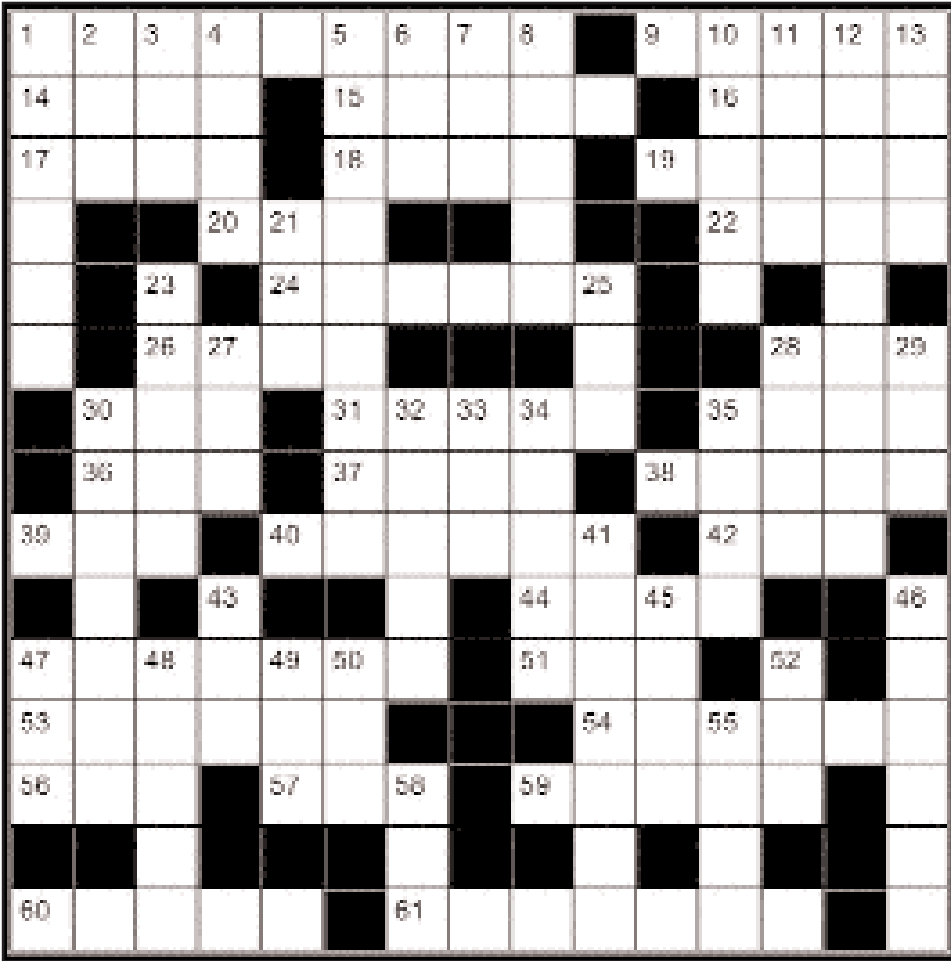
ACROSS

- 1. 9th CMSAF
- 9. Speechless
- 14. River in Tuscany
- 15. 1st CMSAF
- 16. Breach
- 17. Wind instrument need?
- 18. Planet
- 19. IRS investigation
- 20. Entry spot to an installation/cordon (abbrev.)
- 22. Hawaiian bird
- 24. 8th CMSAF
- 26. Type of horse
- 28. Rumsfeld’s office symbol
- 30. Listening organ
- 31. Oak starter
- 35. Actor Johnson of 60s *Laugh-In*
- 36. Draw
- 37. Knowledge
- 38. 6th CMSAF
- 39. Write
- 40. 12th CMSAF
- 42. Writer Fleming
- 44. Clue
- 47. 7th CMSAF
- 51. Abbreviation for the space shuttle
- 53. 2nd CMSAF
- 54. 5th CMSAF
- 56. Pie ____ mode
- 57. Trap
- 59. Toothpaste brand
- 60. 13th CMSAF
- 61. 3rd CMSAF

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- 2. Fury

- 3. Compass direc-
tion
- 4. Juncture
- 5. 11th CMSAF
- 6. Automobile
maker
- 7. Goof
- 8. Relaxes
- 10. Groan
- 11. Helper
- 12. 10th CMSAF
- 13. Indicating
female
- 21. Person who per-
forms 19 ACROSS
- 23. Tame
- 25. Female chicken
- 27. Mineral
- 28. Killer whale
- 29. Actress Susan
- 30. Forever
- 32. Cylinders
- 33. Mork’s home
- 34. Teeters
- 35. Incisive language
- 41. Bottom line? (two words)
- 43. Daly’s MTV show
- 45. Military quick (abbrev.)
- 46. 14th CMSAF
- 47. Exclamation of surprise
- 48. Empty
- 49. Eternity
- 50. The Rock’s organization (abbrev.)
- 52. Former measure of length; about 45 ins.
- 55. Tale
- 58. Alaska town



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Solutions to last week’s puzzle (again)...

A	N	D	R	E	W	S		E	I	E	L	S	O	N
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